മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: കൊച്ചികണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ റോഡുകൾ വളരെ കുറവാണെന്നുള്ളതു ധരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I have already stated in the House that the length of the road in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk is very much less than that of the road in the Trichur Taluk.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ജലമാർഗ്ഗമായിട്ടാണ് ഇവിടത്തെ ട്രാഫിക് അധികവും നടക്കുന്നതെന്നു അറിയാമൊ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: പാലാരിവട്ടം മുതൽ എറണാകുളംവരെയുള്ള റോഡിന്റെ വീതി വളരെ കുറവാണെന്നു അറിയാമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Some of the roads are narrow.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: അതു മാത്രമായി വീതി കൂട്ടേണ്ട കാര്യം ആലോചിക്കുമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Not only that. Several other roads require widening and we are taking action.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the narrow roads in the Mattancheri bazaar have been widened as promised?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The proposal is under consideration.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to spend some money to improve the roads around Trichur within a radius of three miles?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: That will receive consideration.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether this ferry road is to be maintained by the Government or the Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): By the Municipality.

OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, ERNAKULAM—WATER SUPPLY TO

193. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam Women)*: Will Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to have continuous supply of water in the Ohpthalmic Hospital, Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

The present connection from the 9″ main is proposed to be substituted by a connection from the 12″ main. This is expected to relieve the scarcity.

HOSPITAL, VADAKKANCHERI—ATTENDANCE OF PATIENTS AND NUMBER OF BEDS IN

194. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the average daily attendance of the patients in the Vadakkancheri Hospital in each of the months in the year 1120;

(*b*) what is the total number of beds in the hospital?

Rao Sahib T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) Chingam 50·9
Kanni 53·8
Thulam 63·6

(*b*) 32.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government will be pleased to do something to relieve the congestion in the inpatient ward?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: It was not very long ago that this dispensary with six beds was converted into a hospital with 32 beds. I admit that in spite of this there is a certain amount of congestion. A maternity ward will be constructed very soon, this will relieve the congestion to a certain extent. Further extensions, I am afraid, will not be possible just now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know when the Chief Medical Officer visited last time?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has the hospital been visited by the Chief Medical Officer within the last three months?

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